# The Post Storm Survey

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### Motivation

"Need a process by which WFO [Weather Forecast Offices] can systematically gather local customer input and local research results ... and turn that information into improved products and services" Ray Wolf – Science and Operations Officer (Science Operations Officer) NWS WFO Davenport, IA

### Goal

Improve communication & effectiveness of winter weather information and threat by gaining insight into perceptions and decision making processes related to hazardous winter weather.



### The Post Storm Survey



- > Not a Critique of Forecast Accuracy
- > Rather, asks a few Specific Questions
  - How did you received the winter storm information
  - How did you perceived the threat of the storm
  - What steps did you take to prepare for the storm
  - How did your plans changed due to the storm



### Post Storm Survey Details



- Utilized Range of Departments at SCSU
  - Statistics, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Communication Studies, Technology
- Created to follow Online Surveying Methods
- Questions were formulated similar to previous surveys on parallel topics
- ➤ Post Storm Survey project was approved by SCSU Review Board and NWS Central Region Headquarters in March 2008
- ➤ Post Storm Survey Homepage is Hosted on SCSU
  Web Server at http://studentweb.stcloudstate.edu/stsa0603/



### How it works



- > After a Winter Event Ends
  - A link to the *brief* event specific survey is posted on the PSS homepage
  - Survey is open to take for 3 days immediately following a winter storm that requires a warning to be issued by the local NWS office.
  - Additional links to the survey will be posted on the PSS homepage in the case of multiple or overlapping winter storms
- > Survey results will be available online for anyone



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### Multiple Online Locations to Access Survey

Partners in the Weather Community post a link to the PSS Homepage on their web pages to obtain wide broad of respondents after a winter event.















#### Weather Forecasting Offices:



- Grand Forks, ND
- Aberdeen, SD
- Duluth, MN
- Minneapolis, MN
- Des Moines, IA
- La Crosse, WI





## Post Storm Survey Details



### Recent Publicity

- Star Tribune Article
- Duluth News Tribune
- On-Air Story MN Public Radio



### How to get involved?



If you are interested in hosting a link to the Post Storm Survey on your website, please send an email to

PostStormSurvey@gmail.com



## **Post Storm Survey**



### Responses & Results

#### Please Refer to the below links for More Post Storm Survey Results

View All Responses From Season 2 (Winter 2009)

#### View Survey Responses by Event

- > 2008 December 14<sup>th</sup>
- ➤ 2008 December 19th Coming Soon
- ➤ 2008 December 20<sup>th</sup>
- ➤ 2008 December 30<sup>th</sup>
- ➤ 2009 January 3<sup>rd</sup> Coming Soon
- > 2009 January 12th Coming Soon

**View Responses From Test Season (Winter 2008)** 



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